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REP. SHARKEY, 88<sup>th</sup> Dist.

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SEN. MCKINNEY, 28<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF DAVID  
LAVINE.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, on Monday, December 13, 2010, the State of  
2 Connecticut lost one of its distinguished former state representatives  
3 with the passing of David Lavine at the age of eighty-two; and

4 WHEREAS, he served as a state lawmaker representing the towns of  
5 Durham, Haddam, East Haddam and Middlefield from 1971 to 1972,  
6 the towns of Durham, Guilford and Middlefield from 1977 to 1982, and  
7 the towns of Durham and Middletown from 1983 to 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, during his time at the General Assembly, he served as  
9 House chairperson of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee from  
10 1979 to 1984, deputy speaker of the House of Representatives in 1987  
11 and 1988, and assistant majority leader of the House of Representatives  
12 in 1991 and 1992; and

13 WHEREAS, David was a brilliant, creative, farsighted, passionate  
14 and hardworking legislator, with exceptional political and negotiating  
15 skills and a mastery of the art and intricacies of lawmaking and the  
16 General Assembly; and

17 WHEREAS, he was idealistic and pragmatic, persuasive and  
18 effective, and outspoken and independent; and

19 WHEREAS, he was nationally recognized for his expertise on  
20 energy and environmental issues and authored a number of energy  
21 regulation and conservation laws used as models in other states,  
22 including the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act passed by the  
23 Connecticut General Assembly in 1972; and

24 WHEREAS, he pioneered energy conservation and alternative  
25 energy legislation in the state and fought to protect utility ratepayers  
26 and provide support for those who could not afford to heat their  
27 homes; and

28 WHEREAS, David inspired and mentored a generation of  
29 legislators, legislative staff, agency employees and outside advocates;  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, he served on the Executive Committee of the National  
32 Conference of State Legislatures and as chairperson of the  
33 Telecommunications Committee of NCSL; and

34 WHEREAS, he served on the Executive Committee of the Council of  
35 State Governments Eastern Regional Conference, was Chairperson of  
36 the CSG/ERC's Quebec Hydro-Power Task Force, and was  
37 instrumental in the expansion of CSG/ERC to the Canadian Maritime  
38 Provinces; and

39 WHEREAS, after leaving the General Assembly, he served as the  
40 director of energy policy and planning for the Office of Policy and  
41 Management in 1993 and 1994; and

42 WHEREAS, he continued to serve the public after leaving  
43 Connecticut as the chairperson of the Democratic Town Committee of  
44 Middletown, Rhode Island; and

45 WHEREAS, he was the son of the late Joan Bragman and A. Lincoln  
46 Lavine; and

47 WHEREAS, David is survived by his wife, Gladys, his three  
48 children, Rachel, Adam and Rebecca, his four grandchildren, Shingo,  
49 Ayano, Jacob and Ari, and his sister, Nancy Roberts; and

50 WHEREAS, he was raised in New York City before moving to  
51 Connecticut in the late 1960's; and

52 WHEREAS, he was a resident of Durham, Connecticut until he and  
53 Gladys moved to Middletown, Rhode Island in 1997.

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut  
55 General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy and heartfelt  
56 condolences on the passing of David Lavine, whose death is a  
57 profound loss to the General Assembly, his family and friends, the  
58 town of Durham and the State of Connecticut; and

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and the  
60 House of Representatives cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to  
61 the family of David Lavine as an expression of the high esteem and  
62 affection in which he was held.